

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” -set. J. Wayne Kerr
“O God of Love, O King of Peace” -set. J. Wayne Kerr

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and

deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

People: For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:

Pastor: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

People: I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Pastor: Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy."

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

Pew Edition

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Proper 9 (Year B)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1–5

He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Epistle

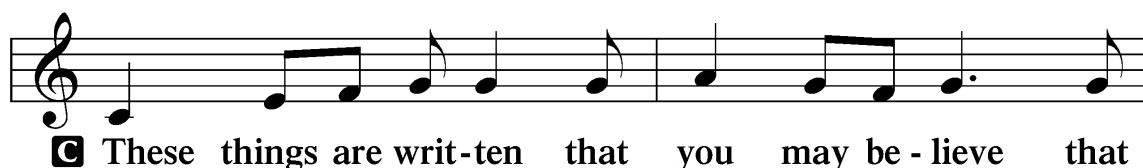
2 Corinthians 12:1–10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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Sermon

Wherever we have lived, my wife has always applied for a job, and fortunately, got one. There was a point in my schooling where we moved four times in four years, and she was quite a trooper about that. During that period of life, it wasn't uncommon to hear my wife doing job interviews at certain times of the year, and there is always one that sticks out to me. She was doing an interview virtually, and I could hear the two people giving the interview. I was in the other room, doing some work, when this was happening. At one point, I overheard the people doing the interview say, "You seem like a great candidate, and because of that, we want to be honest with you. This is a hard job and will be unlike anything you have ever done before. For the first few months, you will probably go home and cry after work because of how frustrating and hard this job is. I did it, and still sometimes do it after working here for years. They did it, too." They then told her some other things that I don't remember, and finished by saying, "We're glad we got this on the table, and find honesty is the best policy. Think about this, and let us know if you want the job. Have a good night." Once the interview was over, I popped out of the room and said, "Well, that was interesting. I overheard part of the interview. What do you think?" In Ezekiel 2, something similar happens. We get to overhear his call interview and hear what God is looking for from him.

Let's start with the candidate, Ezekiel. His name means, "God strengthens," or "The strength of God." He is from a priestly family, and was exiled to Babylon in 597 B.C. Our text from last week, Lamentations, was written in 586 B. C., after Jerusalem was invaded and destroyed for the third time. When Ezekiel's interview happens on July 31, 593 B. C., he is in Babylon and he is 30 years old. Interestingly, if he had been still been in Jerusalem, he would have assumed full priestly duties at that age. However, God has something different in mind for Ezekiel, and it certainly isn't to be a priest. In chapter 2, we overhear part of the interview.

We hear God say, **“Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”** Why is Ezekiel lying face down on the ground? It is because he just saw the glory of God! He just saw the four living creatures, and God on His throne! The scene would be overwhelming, and...dangerous. He is a sinner in God’s presence. Like sinful Isaiah and Peter before a holy, righteous God, Ezekiel rightly lies down. However, as God speaks, something amazing happens.

The Spirit enters him and sets him on his feet. The Holy Spirit works through God’s spoken Word and enters Ezekiel. He raises Ezekiel, as if from the dead, and helps him to stand before the Lord Almighty. Ezekiel is now ready and able to serve by God’s Spirit; he is able to hear and understand what God is speaking.

And now, we hear the prophet’s job description, and God is brutally honest about it. He says, **“Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel,”**. Not too bad, right? He is sent to his own people, people of the same heritage, culture, religion, values, beliefs, history, land, and language. He doesn’t even have to move. God continues: **“I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me.”** Ezekiel begins to get the honest truth about these people and his calling. He might have things in common with them outwardly, but doesn’t spiritually. These people have rejected God and His Word. They have turned away from His commands and statutes. They have forsaken the covenant, and actively oppose Him. Rebels is the right word for this.

Unfortunately for Ezekiel, the honesty gets worse. We see the old adages “Like father, like son,” and “the apple doesn’t fall too far from the tree,” at play, here. The Lord says, **“They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent...”** In English, the word means, “not showing due respect for another.” In Hebrew, the word literally means “hard of face.” The picture that God gives is that Ezekiel will not just receive impassive, expressionless looks to his preaching, but also that of hostile, threatening ones. They will not like what they will hear and they will make that known to Ezekiel. The descendants are also “stubborn,” which literally means “hard of heart.” They will refuse to listen, repent, and believe. They will be hard of head and heart. To say that Ezekiel has a challenge on his hands would be an understatement!

But God is faithful. He says, **“I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”** Even though the mission seems bleak, hopeless, and doomed to failure and fruitlessness, God still will send Ezekiel in hopes of reaching His people. He sends the soon-to-be prophet with His Word. What Ezekiel will speak will not be his opinion, thoughts, or judgments, but God’s. Even if they reject Ezekiel and his preaching, they will have to admit that a prophet was sent among them. God calls the prophet not to be successful, but faithful: faithful to Him, faithful to His Word, and faithful to those he is sent. This is the quality and trait that God is looking for. This is what God is calling Ezekiel to be: faithful amidst a rebellious and twisted generation. What an interview to overhear!

But, in overhearing Ezekiel’s interview, we overhear part of our own. Like the prophet, God doesn’t call us to be successful in life, but to be faithful. The call to faithfulness begins at baptism, where God’s Spirit and grace were poured upon us, and we were made His children. Sponsors spoke on our behalf, saying that we renounce the devil, and all his works, and his ways. Our sponsors and parents pledged to raise us in the church, and to pray for us. At confirmation, we made these vows and promises our own. There we promised God our faithfulness: that we would be faithful in the life of the Church and in receiving His Supper. There we promised that we would forsake all: goods, fame, child, wife, and life, rather than fall away from Him and the faith. Whenever I do confirmation, I always give the students time to think about what they are promising: those are big promises, aren’t they? I remember one of my teachers, Dr. Ziegler, who was from Germany, said they stopped asking confirmands if they would remain faithful unto death because they know that people will not do it. God calls us to be faithful to Him.

He calls us to be faithful to His Word, too. God called Ezekiel to speak His Word, not Ezekiel’s opinions. St. Paul warns Timothy and us, **“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”** That time is now. People don’t endure sound teaching. They exchange the truth for a lie. They believe their own “truth,” and what they want to hear. We live in a world that is offended by everything *but sin*. We live in a world that proclaims

tolerance, *except against Christianity and its values*. Despite the opposition, we are called to hold fast to the Word that gives life and forgiveness. We remain faithful to the Word that is truth, enduring, and God's, even when people won't listen, even when people close their hearts, minds, and lives to it. God calls us to faithfulness.

But, that isn't always easy, is it? We can have a lot to lose as we remain faithful to God and His Word: it could be our reputations, fitting in, our livelihood, a friendship, a relationship, or our job. Complicating this is our own rebelliousness, too. Original sin hardwires us to naturally rebel against God by what we say, and do, and think, and live. It constantly rebels against the new man. St. Paul captures the dilemma in Romans 7 by saying, **"So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"** Another Son of Man: Jesus.

Jesus bore our rebelliousness and failures at being faithful. By faith, He bestows His perfect faithfulness to us. When God looks at us, He doesn't see a rebel, but a faithful, redeemed, and forgiven child. He showers His grace upon us, a grace which led Paul to record, **"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong!"** And our Lord remains faithful to us, daily lifting us on our feet through baptism, providing our daily bread, forgiving our rebelliousness, and strengthening us to be faithful. The call to faithfulness isn't always easy, but the God Who walks with us, is faithful and able. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

Prayer of the Church

Offering "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" set. Kevin Hildebrand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

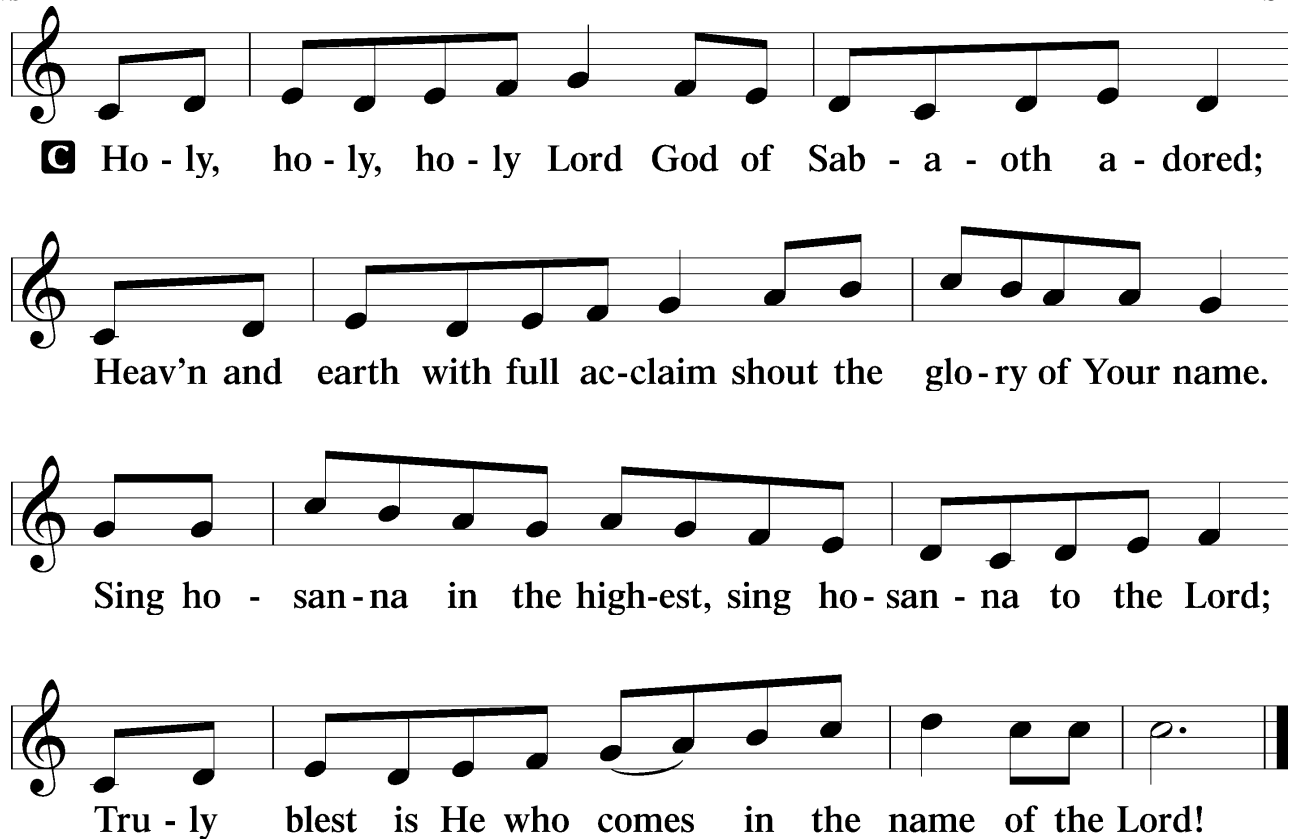
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

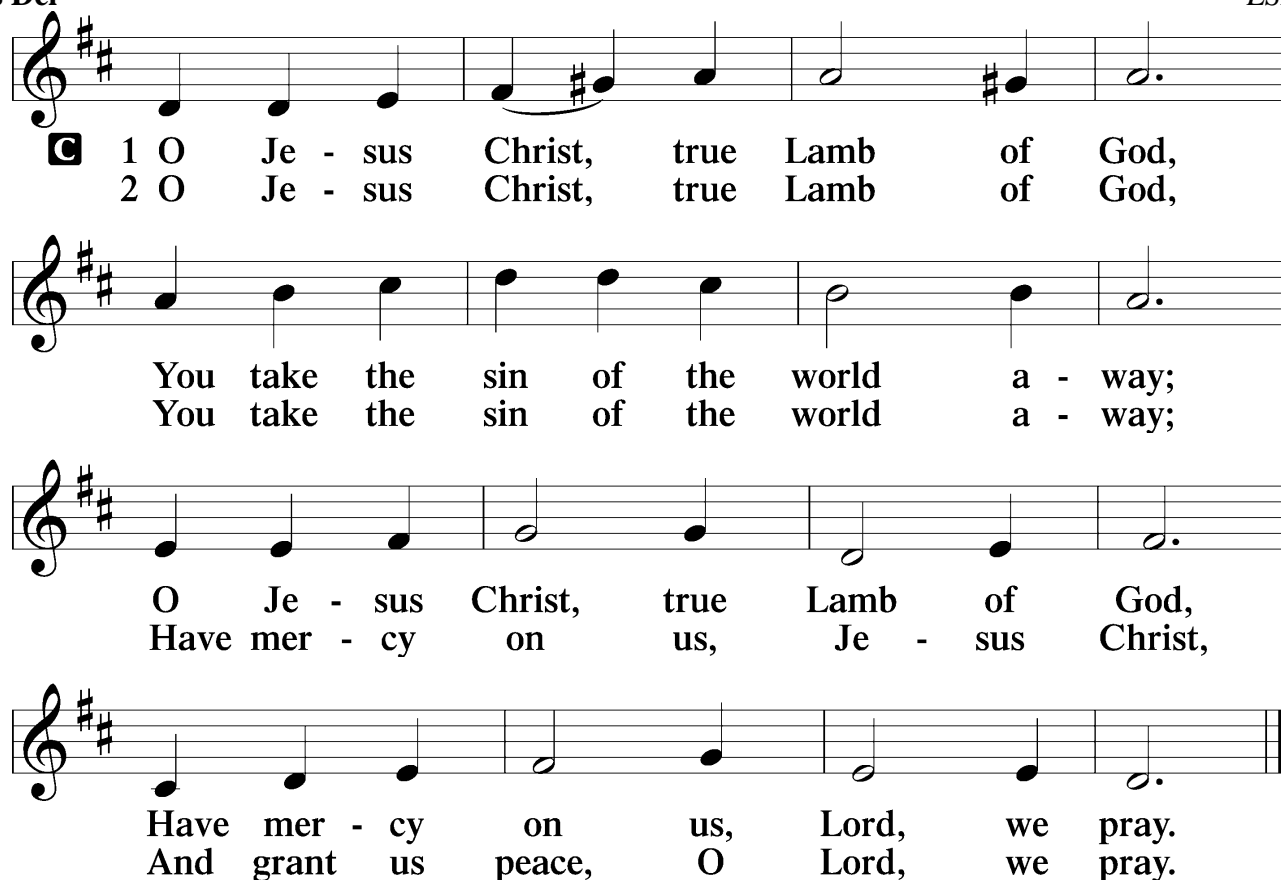
Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time-less teach-ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip-ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
 Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
 When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav-en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.
 Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C

Amen.

Benedicamus

A

Let us bless the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 212

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn: “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919



- 1 A - bidē, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bidē, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bidē with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bidē with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



- That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.
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Postlude “America the Beautiful” -set. J. Wayne Kerr

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.”* Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing, but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays we will have a prayer and Bible Study group. Please check with Pastor Kooi for the current start time. Each week, we will gather together to pray and study a text. We will be meeting in-person and virtually. For those that attend virtually, we will have you join us via Zoom (contact Pastor Kooi for the link). Please contact Pastor Kooi for more details.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Inheritance as Intended” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. An inheritance that's more than places, property, and possessions—the inheritance God intended for His people. (Ephesians 1)

Please join us after services on Sunday, July 18 for a cake and beverage reception to celebrate Pastor Kooi’s fifth ordination and fifth anniversary of his installation at Emmaus.

The reception will be held in the Narthex with the option to be outside, weather permitting.

We hope that you can join us. If there are any questions, please contact any member of the fellowship committee: (Kjersti Duncan, Pam Nelson, Marilyn Pierce, and Magdalena Brown)